

Part 1 – Agency Profile

Agency Overview

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) actively guides, controls, and plans for the use and conservation of Idaho's water and energy resources. David R. Tuthill is the current director of IDWR. He served as interim director beginning on January 1, 2007. On April 17, 2007, he was appointed as director by Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter, succeeding the previous director, Karl J. Dreher. The director oversees three operational divisions with a total of 189 appropriated FTP in FY 2008. There are four regional offices that provide services to Idaho citizens: Northern Regional Office, Coeur d'Alene; Western Regional Office, Boise; Southern Regional Office, Twin Falls; and Eastern Regional Office, Idaho Falls. There are two one-person satellite offices in Salmon and Soda Springs.

Core Functions/Idaho Code

In addition to the three operational divisions, the organizational entities consisting of Public Information Services, Legal Services and the Support Services Bureau are under the IDWR Director in the organization chart. The attorneys in Legal Services are deputy attorneys general housed at IDWR. The Support Services Bureau includes Information Technology, Financial and Administrative Services.

Primary authority for the Idaho Department of Water Resources and its programs rests in Title 42, Idaho Code. The importance of water to the State of Idaho was recognized even before statehood. Article XV of the Constitution contains seven sections dealing with water including Section 7 that established the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB). In 1974 the Board, although a separate entity, was placed within the Department. More recently in 1981 the Idaho Office of Energy, which was in the Governor's office, was merged into the Department.

Water Management Division

This is the regulatory division for the Department. Staffs are located in the State Office, regional offices and satellite offices.

The Water Allocation Bureau provides two primary functions. The Water Allocation Section provides for recording, processing, changing and storing of all water rights in the state. The Water Distribution Section supervises water distribution via about 70 active water districts throughout the state.

The Adjudication Bureau supervises all water right adjudications, including the Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA). This adjudication is considered to be one of the most successful in the western states. All of the Director's Reports have been submitted the Court in the SRBA, a significant milestone in the process, with the last one being filed on February 21, 2007. A total of 149,722 water rights claims have been reported to the Court. Decrees have been issued on 130,521 water rights as of July 7, 2007, with 19,201 still pending. Thousands of those pending have objection deadlines that run intermittingly until December 19, 2007. All outstanding issues are settled in 18 of the 43 SRBA basins. The Bureau is busy assisting the settlement of SRBA objections and working on commencing the first part of the North Idaho Adjudication.

The Resource Protection Bureau is responsible for Safety of Dams, Stream Channel Protection, Ground Water Protection, and Flood Plain Management. Each of these programs is increasing in statewide significance and has been increasing in effectiveness via automation.

Staff in the Regional Offices conduct division programs as directed and supported by State Office staff.

Planning and Technical Services Division

This division provides technical and planning support to IDWR and the IWRB. The Geospatial Technology unit is the designated leader, by Idaho Code 39-120, for natural resource geographic information systems (GIS). The GIS analysts have provided support to the attorney general's office, the legislative redistricting commission and many other state agencies and local governments.

The Hydrology Section provides the detailed scientific information necessary for administration, management, planning and protection of the state's water resources. Most of the functions of the Section are to provide data, expertise, and collaborative studies to the department and numerous organizations and governments. Water right accounting is a vital function that IDWR provides to southern Idaho water users. The accounting program tracks

natural flow and storage water used and what remains in reservoirs. Ground water flow models and a system operations model for the Snake River are also the responsibility of the Hydrology Section. These models are used for a variety of purposes including quantification of the effects of drought, recharge and pumping on water levels and river flows.

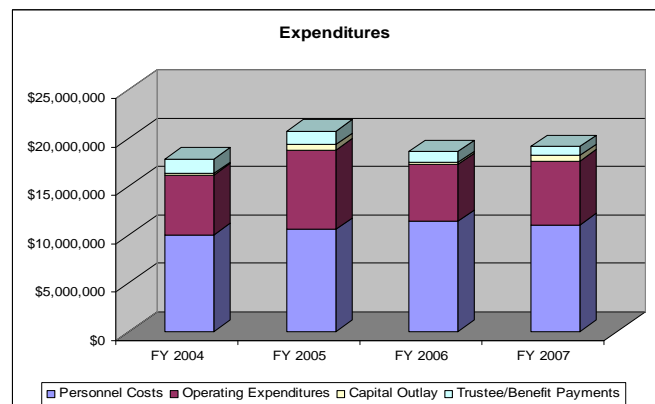
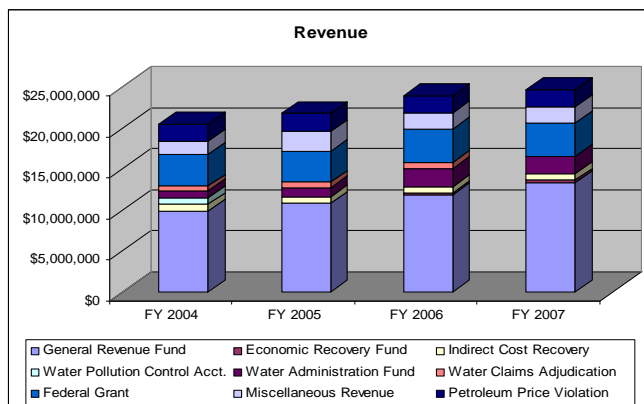
The Planning Bureau primarily supports IWRB programs, including the State Water Plan, Idaho Water Supply Bank, water project development and funding, minimum stream flows, natural and recreational river designations and comprehensive basin planning. The Bureau also is responsible for facilitating water transactions related to improving stream flows for fish.

Energy Division

The Energy Division exists by executive order of the Governor. The division receives limited state funds, which are used as match for a federal bio-energy grant. More than 99% of Energy Division operations are financed by federal funds, Petroleum Violation Escrow (PVE) funds, and miscellaneous revenue funds. The division is divided into four teams that operate 15 programs. The teams are: Agriculture, Industry and Municipal; Energy Efficiency; Financial Assistance; and Renewable Resources and Alternative Fuels. The current program emphasis includes energy efficiency with new site built and manufactured housing, existing housing, industrial, agricultural, commercial, and institutional buildings. Staff provides assistance with bio-energy, wind power, geothermal energy and solar applications.

Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
General Revenue Fund	\$9,931,800	\$10,825,800	\$11,867,300	\$13,354,200
Economic Recovery Fund	0	0	\$247,400	\$310,800
Indirect Cost Recovery	\$754,400	\$771,700	\$777,200	\$775,600
Water Pollution Control Acct.	\$797,400	0	0	0
Water Administration Fund	\$856,500	\$1,128,800	\$2,235,600	\$2,120,200
Water Claims Adjudication	\$608,500	\$703,500	\$703,500	0
Federal Grant	\$3,862,600	\$3,785,500	\$4,119,900	\$4,120,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$1,652,800	\$2,406,600	\$1,952,000	\$1,943,100
Petroleum Price Violation	\$2,062,200	\$2,195,700	\$2,120,800	\$2,128,000
Total	\$20,526,200	\$21,817,600	\$24,023,700	\$24,751,900
Expenditure	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Personnel Costs	\$9,995,300	\$10,603,600	\$11,433,700	\$11,035,500
Operating Expenditures	\$6,206,300	\$8,197,200	\$5,858,200	\$6,596,300
Capital Outlay	\$156,400	\$548,900	\$200,200	\$601,600
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$1,480,100	\$1,391,000	\$1,148,600	\$909,300
Total	\$17,838,100	\$20,740,700	\$18,640,700	\$19,142,700



Part II – Performance Measures

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Water Management Director's Report Recommendations Prepared for the Snake River Basin Adjudication	6,204	6,301	8,485	15,866
Water Management Water Right Transfers Approved	219	233	194	143
Water Management New wells constructed	4,473	4,527	4,501	4,028
Planning & Technical Services Annual # amount awards for IWRB loans and grants	12 grants for \$72,791 15 loans for \$2,597,192 2 legislatively-funded projects for \$820,000	3 grants for \$50,000 8 loans for \$3,326,172 1 revenue bond issuance for \$19,975,000 1 legislatively-funded project for \$24,375,000	10 loans for \$2,559,950 2 revenue bond issuances for \$16,831,698 2 revenue bond refundings for \$8,015,000 1 project expenditure for \$300,000**	10 loans for \$5,655,225 5 projects expenditures for \$1,429,294
Planning & Technical Services Number of surface and ground water measurement sites	1,128	1,134	1,156	1,149
1. Managed Recharge	13	13	13	13
2. Geothermal	16	13	11	9
3. Groundwater Quality	413	420	407	408
4. Water Levels (USGS Co-op, IDWR, and private contracts)	554	572	607	595
5. Surface Water (USGS gages + return flow sites)	132	116	118	124
Energy: Provide energy efficiency and renewable energy training, education, and information for all sectors, including builders, commercial building operators, homeowners, farmers and irrigators, and renewable resource developers.	384	997	3486	3169
Energy: Provide technical assistance for energy efficiency and renewable energy use.	4702	4511	6248	4769
Energy: Low interest loans provided.	14 loans for \$208,850, saving \$32,967 annually.	10 loans for \$95,905, saving \$13,031 annually.	45 loans for \$325,000 saving \$38,262 annually	42 loans for \$334,726 Saving \$27,472 annually

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